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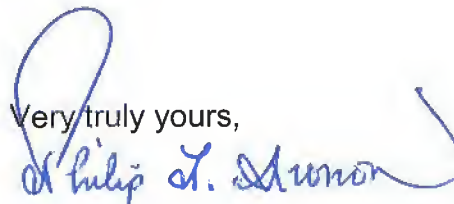
**TO: ALL COUNTY PROSECUTOR  
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
COLONEL JOSEPH FUENTES, SUPERINTENDENT, NJSP**

Dear Prosecutor:

**Enclosed please find:**

1. Correspondence from Acting Attorney General John J. Hoffman regarding Karbon Arms Conducted Energy Devices
2. Karbon Arms, Inc., Multi-Purpose Immobilization Device (MPID) Conducted Energy Device  
Dated: September 17, 2013

**Please distribute this information to All Law Enforcement and Chief Executives within your jurisdiction.**

Very truly yours,  


AAG Philip S. Aronow, Chief  
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I am writing to make you aware of recently discovered defects and failures of the Karbon Arms (KA) Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs) experienced during separate training and qualification courses hosted by the Burlington and Cumberland County Prosecutors' Offices. Subsequent testing by the New Jersey State Police called into question the reliability of the Multi-Purpose Immobilization Device (MPID), and the decision to certify the KA devices for use in New Jersey.

The New Jersey Office of the Attorney General finds the defects and failures to be unacceptable in that they expose New Jersey law enforcement officers to an undue risk of harm. KA has been kept fully informed of the defects and failures. They have requested the opportunity to cure the defects and have asked that they be given sufficient time to do so. We have determined that it is appropriate to suspend the use of the KA MPID devices until this matter can be resolved.

Thus, pursuant to the attached Memorandum, please be advised that due to product defects and safety concerns for the officers deploying these devices, the prior approval for the KA MPID as an authorized CED for use in New Jersey is hereby suspended until further notice by this Office. KA will be required to submit MPID devices and associated equipment for re-testing by members of the New Jersey State Police (NJSP) Weapons and Tactics Unit, consistent with the requirements for CED approval promulgated by the Attorney General, before the MPID will be considered for reinstatement.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the status of the KA MPID, please direct your inquiries to Assistant Attorney General Philip S. Aronow at [aronowp@njdcj.org](mailto:aronowp@njdcj.org). Thank you.

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Superintendent, New Jersey State Police

Elie Honig, Assistant Attorney General  
Director, Division of Criminal Justice

Re: *Karbon Arms, Inc., Multi-Purpose Immobilization Device (MPID)*  
*Conducted Energy Device*

Following a meeting with representatives of *Karbon Arms, Inc.* to review recent problems experienced by law enforcement with the MPID conducted energy device manufactured by *Karbon Arms, Inc.*, I have decided to suspend the previous approval of this device for use by New Jersey law enforcement officers pursuant to the memorandum issued by previous Attorney General, Jeffrey S. Chiesa, dated September 26, 2012. This action is being taken to protect law enforcement officers whose departments have purchased these devices until the problems can be remedied. This suspension is effective immediately and will continue until further notice.

  
John J. Hoffman  
Acting Attorney General

cc: First Assistant Thomas R. Calcagni

